

# Welcome to the Child Care Licensing Program October 2021 PROVIDER WEBINAR



## Opening Discussion Chat

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***What are your best practices in supporting children in wearing facial coverings indoors?***

Enter your responses to the below question in the “Chat” box

Example:

We give the children disposable masks and let them decorate them with crayons, markers, etc.

# Topics

- Guidelines for Questions and Answers (Q&A)
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Child Care Updates/Guidance
  - ✓ COVID-19
  - ✓ Masks
  - ✓ Stipends
  - ✓ Safe Sleep
  - ✓ Lead Safety
- Question and Answer Session

# Guidelines for Q & A

- Ask questions that seek to clarify policies.
- Ask questions that are based on facts.
- Questions that are facility-specific or Licensing staff specific should be directed to your local [Regional Office](#).
- Clarification may be requested if more information is needed.
- Every effort will be made to answer questions within the time-frame allowed.

# Frequently Asked Questions – COVID

**Q. What is the latest on COVID-19 testing? Should I be testing my staff?**

*A. Testing is one layer in a multi-layered approach to mitigating the spread of infection. For more information about testing, see California Department of Public Health (CDPH) [Updated COVID-19 Testing Guidance](#).*

*Local jurisdictions may modify these guidelines to account for local conditions or patterns of transmission.*

*Providers determine testing policies and procedures for their facilities/programs. Community Care Licensing (CCLD) does not make these business-related choices for providers/programs.*

*[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Cases in Licensed Child Care Facilities in California](#)*

# Frequently Asked Questions - COVID

**Q. Are providers required to take temperatures of staff and children upon entry to a facility?**

**A. *No. Providers are not required to take temperatures of staff or children or maintain temperature logs.***

*Note: It is a best practice for infection control. If you choose to do so, please keep your logs for 3 years.*

*Note: For centers, remember to continue to complete your daily health checks. Daily health checks for family child care homes are not required but highly recommended.*

# Frequently Asked Questions - Masks

**Q. Are masks required inside? What about outside?**

*A. Facial coverings are required for all individuals indoors in childcare regardless of vaccination status. Masks are not required outdoors unless Local Public Health has more strict orders in place.*

*Children under the age of two, those with medical exemptions and those who need require visual observation of the mouth for communication are exempt from mask wearing.*

See [PIN-21-18-CCP - Updated Coronavirus 2019 \(COVID-19\) Industry Guidance for Child Care Settings](#)

*The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has [updated information](#) about choosing a mask or respirator for different situations.*

# Frequently Asked Questions – Masks (1/2)

**Q. How can Licensees/Providers show that they are implementing the face mask guidance?**

**A.** *Licensees and providers are encouraged to:*

- *Share written information on requirements with staff, parents and guardians.*
- *Add signage that face coverings are required while indoors in the facility.*
- *Post visitor protocols including universal entry screening.*
- *Ensure extra face coverings are available for adults and children who do not bring their own.*
- *Use behavioral techniques, such as modeling and positive reinforcement to help children adjust to wearing masks in the facility. This may include using pictures, schedules, timers and visual cues.*
- *Licensees should also keep records of individual face covering exemptions that can be provided to CDSS, state, or local public health authorities upon request.*

# Frequently Asked Questions – Masks (2/2)

**Q. Could I be cited for not conforming to the mask mandate?**

*A. Yes, you can be cited. You may be subject to disciplinary action by CDSS for failing to follow state and local COVID-19 public health orders and guidance regarding masking.*

*CCL may also cross-report to local public health departments and other jurisdictions when violations of COVID-19 requirements are determined or substantiated.*



# Frequently Asked Questions

## Quarantine

**Q. What are the quarantine restrictions for children or staff when they return after traveling (domestic and international)?**

*A. There are no quarantine requirements for either domestic or international travel unless there was COVID exposure during their travel.*

*Note: Please check with your local health departments to determine if there are stricter requirements. Please refer to:*  
[CDPH Covid Travel Recommendations](#)

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Positive Exposure

- Q.** What are the requirements when a child, family member, or staff are exposed to someone who is positive for COVID?
- A.** ***Unvaccinated children/staff:** must quarantine for 10 days if no symptoms and no testing; however, if a negative test is received on or after day 5 after exposure, they can return after 7 full days have passed after last exposure*
- Fully vaccinated:** no need to quarantine, but a test is recommended 3-5 days after exposure*

*Note: Please check with your local health departments to determine if there are stricter requirements.*

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Positive COVID Tests

**Q. What happens when a child/family member/staff tests positive for COVID?**

- A.** *They must remain home in isolation until:*
- *A minimum of 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared/10 days since positive test date, AND*
  - *Symptoms have improved, AND*
  - *There has been no fever in the last 24 hours (without fever reducing medication)*

*Note: Please check with your local health departments to determine if there are stricter requirements.*

# Frequently Asked Questions COVID-19 Requirements

Where can I go to find more information about COVID-19 requirements?

- [Guidance for Child Care Providers and Programs](#)  
*June 29, 2021*
- [Order of the State Public Health Officer](#)  
*August 5, 2021*
- [CDPH Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings](#)  
*updated July 28, 2021*
- [Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards \(ETS\)](#)

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Licenses

**Q. Can a family child care provider be licensed in two different residences?**

**A:** *No. Family Child Care means regularly provided care, protection and supervision of children, **in the provider's own home**, for periods of less than 24 hours per day, while the parents or authorized representatives are away.*

# General Information on Community Care Licensing Stipend Process

- **STEP ONE:** Read the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on CCLD Stipend Webpage
- **STEP TWO:** After reading the FAQs, register to receive licensed stipend [here](#).
- **STEP THREE:** Complete the licensed stipend related [ARPA survey \(American Rescue Plan Act Survey\) here](#).

# Community Care Licensing Stipends

- \$600 per subsidized child stipends
- Licensed family child care homes will receive a one-time stipend of \$3,500
- Licensed child care centers will receive one-time tiered stipends corresponding to the license maximum capacity:
  - \$3,500 centers with up to 14 children
  - \$4,000 for centers with 15-24 children
  - \$5,000 for centers with 25-60 children
  - \$6,500 for centers with 61+ children
- One-time \$500 incentive payments for newly licensed home providers received after completing 12 months as a licensed family child care home
- [Licensed Child Care Facility Stabilization Stipends](#)

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Stipends

**Q:** Will the Department contact me about my stipend?

*A: No. Providers need to complete the register [here](#) to receive licensed stipend.*

**Q:** When is the deadline to apply for the stipend and take the survey?

*A: September 30, 2023*

**Q:** How come I didn't get a check?

*A: After registration checks will be distributed after approximately 15 business days. If there are any questions, please contact Blackhawk (833) 398-1399, 4:00am – 4:00pm (PST), Monday – Friday.*



# Discussion on Safe Sleep 15 Minute Checks

- Q. Do infants over 12 months of age need to be checked every 15 minutes?**  
*A. Yes . Every infant, defined as all children 24 months and under, need to be checked every 15 minutes while napping. The infant's condition must be documented.*
- Q. Are family child care home providers also required to conduct the 15 minute checks?**  
*A. Yes, both homes and centers are required to complete the checks.*
- Q. Is there a specific form that is required to be used to document the checks?**  
*A. No, providers have flexibility to design a documentation system that works best for their program*
- Q. How long do providers need to keep the records of the documentation?**  
*A. Like other records, they should be kept for at least 3 years*

# Discussion on Safe Sleep

**Q. Do all infants need to be placed on their backs to sleep?**

*A. No, only infants under 12 months old need to be placed on their backs to sleep*

**Q. How often does the Individual Infant Sleeping Plan (LIC 9227) need to be updated?**

*A. Only when there are changes. Please remember, for centers, the Infant Needs and Services Plans need to be updated quarterly, or earlier if needed.*

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Lead Prevention Training

**Q. Who needs to take the lead prevention training?**

**A.** *If you are issued a license after July 1, 2020, your health and safety training must include lead prevention as part of the course.*

*Note: If you took health and safety prior to July 1, 2020, **AND** you apply for a change of location, you will need the lead prevention portion of the training. You can **EITHER** take the entire health and safety class again, **OR** take the supplemental one-hour course that is offered by your local Resource and Referral Agency.*

# Frequently Asked Questions for Lead Water Testing

**Q. Who needs to have the water tested?**

**A. *Lead water testing is **only required of child care centers** built before January 1, 2010. It is **NOT** a requirement of family child care homes.***

**Q. What sources of water need to be tested?**

**A. *Cold water faucets (single and dual handles) and fountains, filtered water dispensers, and water dispensed by refrigerators.***

**Q. How often does the water need to be tested?**

**A. *It needs to be tested by January 1, 2023 and must be repeated every 5 years***

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Lead Webinar Series

**Q. Where can I get more information about lead?**

*A. There will be a series of webinars during Lead Week, October 25 – 29, 2021, which highlights important lead poisoning prevention work taking place throughout the State of California. These webinars are free and open to the public.*

*Note: The [Lead Week Webinar Series webpage](#) has information on each webinar taking place as well as registration links. The webinar scheduled for October 28, 2021, is closed, but will be recorded and posted on the CDPH webpage in mid-November.*

See [PIN 21-21 CCP](#) for the Written Directives for Lead Testing of Water in Licensed Child Care Centers.

# Helpful Website Links

## Frequently Accessed Websites:

- [Laws and Regulations](#)
- [Child Care Licensing Offices](#)
- [Provider Information Notices \(PINs\)](#)
- [CARE Tools](#)
- [Background Check and Guardian](#)
- [Child Care Program Quarterly Updates](#)
- [Stakeholder Resources](#)
- [COVID Mental Health Resources for Children and Families](#)

# Questions

- [Contact your Regional Office](#)
- Coronavirus General Question Inbox  
[CCLCOVID-19INFO@dss.ca.gov](mailto:CCLCOVID-19INFO@dss.ca.gov)
- Child Care Assistance  
(800) 543-7793

*Note: Due to the rapidly changing guidance, please refer to the Governor's Office for COVID – 19 updates and your local county public health department for most current updates.*